GMM Schools Committee

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What are other communities doing to improve attendance, engage parents and support health and wellbeing for students and staff?

First in doing this research, the number one factor considered by other communities was why are students not attending school. All communities did some kind of research to identify the reasons and then set about putting together programs to address the reasons identified.

There was a theme through out the websites and articles reviewed:

**Positive Connections for Students at School**

Some suggestions from our research:

**ATTENDANCE:**

-Packet of information including websites and samples of what other cities are doing

-Lists or simple list of what to do to improve attendance

-Emphasis on attendance through out entire K-12 career, better PR and communication about the importance of attendance

**ENGAGING PARENTS:**

-Look at how we are communicating with parents

-Simple lists of to do’s

-as a parent

-as a staff person

-Look at multiple ways and times to communicate information to parents

**ENHANCE STUDENT AND STAFF WELLNESS:**

**-**Take suggestions from Dr. Gaskill research. It is local, proved increased GPA, and attendance. Found extensive research on activity and academic success in other communities

-Look at schools collaborating with other youth programs. Be Creative in these collaborations. (Bosie Example)

-Use of volunteers to enhance specific programs e.g. Active 6, Flagship, Parks and Rec, make available at every school

-Support Gyms being open evening and weekends, as a way to promote wellness and have a positive connection for students not connected with academics directly